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(SBU) VIM Airlines began its airlift of Rwandan soldiers to Darfur on October 27. It has contracted to fly two of the four battalions scheduled for rotation to Darfur, and will take approximately two weeks to do so, flying 17 flights with 88 soldiers per flight. While it does not yet have a contract in place from the UN to do the follow-on rotation of the remaining two battalions, it believes it is well-positioned to do so. It is also seeking to add additional soldiers for each flight.

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